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Attorney General John Ashcroft  
US Department of Justice  
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am writing with regard to the settlement that was reached between Microsoft and the Justice Department in November. I support the settlement, as it will allow the government and Microsoft to stop wasting resources on a three-year old battle and get back to doing what they each need to be doing, winning the war, fixing the economy, getting rid of the last administration's thinking (sic); and for Microsoft, producing good software.

The settlement represents an opportunity for the country and Microsoft to move forward. Microsoft has made significant concessions and the government negotiated a strong agreement. Microsoft will, for example, share information with its competitors, which will allow them to place their own programs on the Windows operating system. Any concerns about Microsoft shirking their responsibilities should be alleviated because Microsoft agreed to an oversight committee to be formed by the government.

I support this settlement, and look forward to seeing this case come to a close.

Sincerely,

Edward Harrison  
Major of Marines, Ret.

